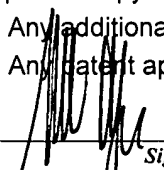
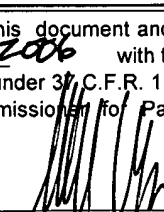
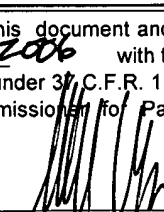
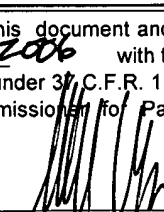


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 17, 2005, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-referenced patent application, provide this amendment as a submission and include herein the payment of a fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.